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For : NUCLEIC ACID COMPOSITE

MATERIALS MADE SENSORS

FOR THE ANALYSIS OF

NUCLEIC ACID MODIFYING

FACTORS

Examiner : Unknown

Group Art Unit : Unknown

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified US National Phase application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.